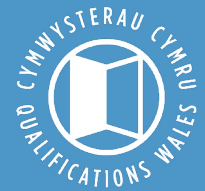


Scheme made under Section 15 of the Qualifications Wales Act 2015



May 2021

Version 2 of the Scheme made under Section 15 of the Qualifications Wales Act 2015 was re-published as a small update was made in May 2021. Due to the UK leaving the EU we needed to remove the reference to advertising in OJEU.

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PART A - STATUTORY BASIS FOR THE SCHEME

In accordance with Section 15 of the Qualifications Wales Act (“the Act”), the present document makes provisions for how we will make arrangements for the development of restricted priority qualifications.

15 Power to make arrangements for development of restricted priority qualification

(1) Qualifications Wales may enter into arrangements with an awarding body the effect of which is to provide for the body to develop a new form of a restricted priority qualification, with a view to the prospective approval of that form of the qualification under section 16.

(2) The arrangements may make provision about, among other things—

(a) criteria to be met by the form of the qualification to be developed;

(b) payments to be made by Qualifications Wales in respect of its development.

(3) Qualifications Wales must prepare a scheme making provision about the making of arrangements under this section.

(4) Qualifications Wales must exercise its functions in accordance with the scheme.

(5) The scheme must provide for a procedure that is open, fair and transparent.

(6) Qualifications Wales may revise the scheme.

(7) The scheme must be published by Qualifications Wales.

This scheme is made pursuant to Section 15(3) and is published pursuant to section 15(7)

PART B – GENERAL PROVISIONS

The arrangements made under section 15(1) will be set out in a written contract between Qualifications Wales and the relevant awarding body. No arrangements will be valid unless and until such a contract has been made.

Any such contract will be awarded in accordance with the procedure set out in Part C of this Scheme.

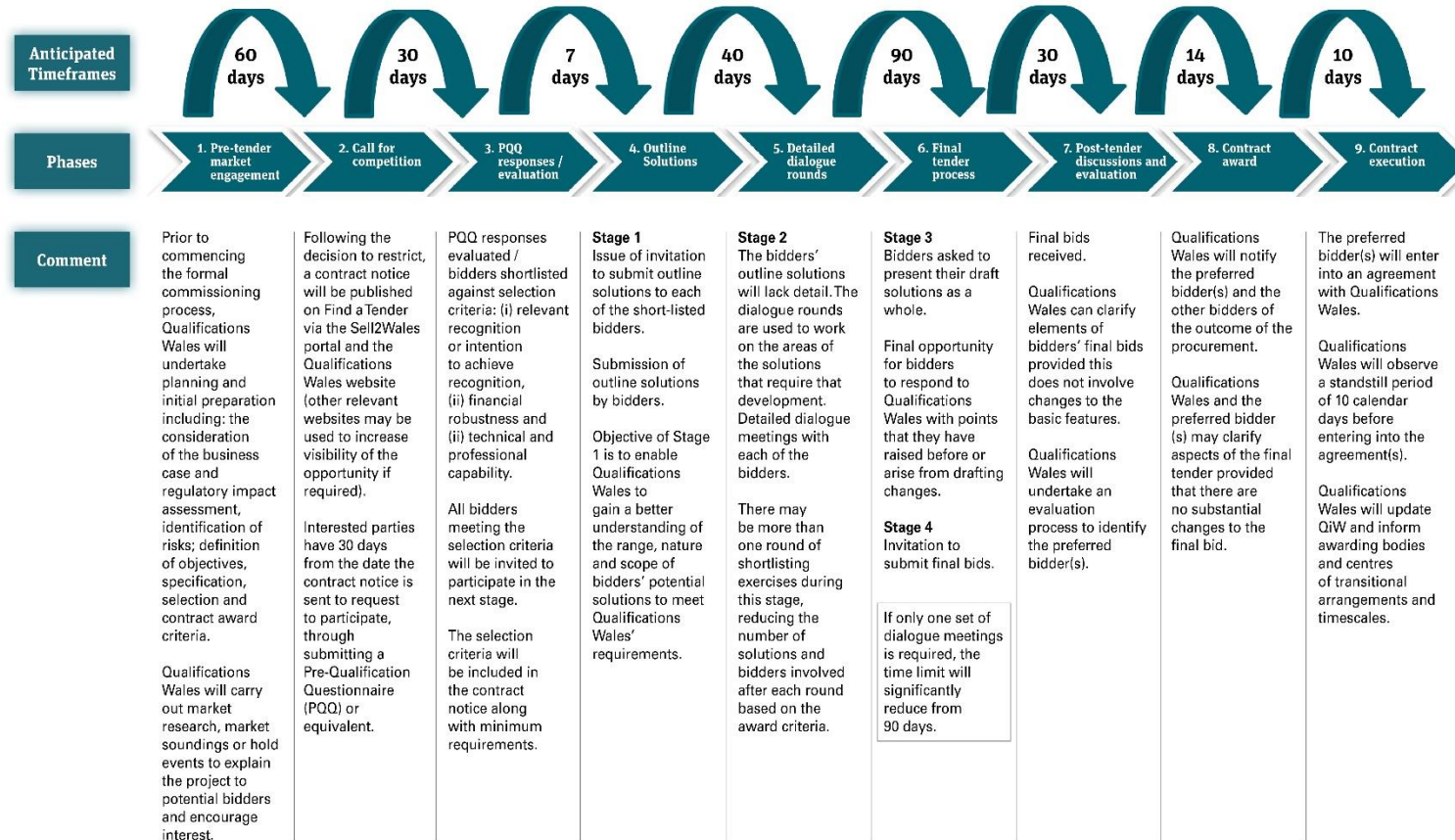
In carrying out the procedure, Qualifications Wales will act fairly, openly and proportionately, and in accordance with its published Restriction Policy

PART C – AWARD PROCEDURE

In some cases, the Concessions Contracts Regulations will apply and this flow chart is considered to be in accordance with these.

In other cases, Qualifications Wales will apply the process shown below.

FIGURE 1: COMMISSIONING PROCESS AND DRAFT TIMETABLE INCORPORATING DIALOGUE STAGES.
 WHERE DIALOGUE IS NOT REQUIRED, BULLETS 4 TO 6 WILL BE COMBINED AND THEREFORE TIMESCALES FOR THIS STAGE COULD BE REDUCED BY 2 TO 4 MONTHS ACCORDINGLY (FROM THE 130 DAYS SHOWN) THIS PROCESS STARTS FOLLOWING LISTING OF THE QUALIFICATION ON THE PRIORITY QUALIFICATIONS LIST AND PUBLICATION OF THE DETERMINATION TO RESTRICT



NOTE: The timeframes are indicative only. The timescales for each of the phases are flexible and can be determined by Qualifications Wales as it sees fit. However, while there are few prescribed time limits, any time limits that are set must be both reasonable and proportionate by reference to the scope and nature of the competition.